



**Sailing Instructions**  
**THURSDAY NIGHT RACING 2015**  
**Port Arthur Yacht Club**  
Port Arthur, TX

**Section A: Objective**

**The Objective of the Port Arthur Yacht Club shall be to encourage and stimulate yachting in a safe and sporting manner.**

***Safety***

It is each competitor's un-shared responsibility to provide for their personal safety. The wearing of life jackets is required on board boats and the decision to start or continue a race is the sole responsibility of each competitor.

**1. Rules**

- 1.1 Thursday Races shall be governed by the 2013-2016 RRS, the prescriptions of US Sailing Rules, PAYC Pram Rules, Class Rules, and these sailing instructions. These sailing instructions supersede all other class, scoring instructions, and handicap systems.

**2. Entries**

- 2.1 Sign in at SKIPPERS MEETING.

**3. Notices to Competitors**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official calendar posted at PAYC and on website.

**4. Changes in Sailing Instructions**

- 4.1 Any change in the sailing instructions shall be posted at least one hour before the first scheduled race on the day it will take effect.

**5. Signals Made Ashore**

- 5.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the PAYC flagpole.
- 5.2 Code flag "AP" with two sounds means the race is postponed. Lowering "AP" with one sound means the warning signal will be made in not less than 30 minutes. This prescription on time applies only to signals made ashore.
- 5.3 A long sound signal made when the Race Committee returns to shore means protest time has begun. Protest time ends 30 minutes after the sound signal.

**6. Schedules of Races**

- 6.1 One race is planned. Skippers meeting will be at 6pm Thursday.
- 6.2 Each boat must check in when the race committee is flying the L- FLAG (LIMA), the first class to have all its competitors check in will have the first warning signal.
- 6.3 Competitors will have due time to reach the starting line.
- 6.4 First Warning Flag will be at 6:30 pm or until the first class has all its competitors for the day checked in.

**7. Course**

- 7.1 The course will be described at the Skippers Meeting, the length and course set up is solely the responsibility of the Principle Race Officer and cannot be protested.

- The Start MUST STAY CLEAR IF NOT STARTING
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| 8.1 | Races will be started in accordance with racing rule 26. |  |                                |
| 8.2 | Signal   | Flag & Sound                             | Minutes before starting signal |
| 8.3 | Warning  | Class flag; 1 Sound                      | 5                              |
| 8.4 | Preparatory  | P, I, Z, Z with I or Black flag; 1 Sound | 4                              |
| 8.5 | One – Minute   | Preparatory flag removed; 1 Long Sound   | 1                              |
| 8.6 | Starting   | Class flag removed; 1 Sound              | 0                              |
- 8.7 The starting line will be between a staff on the Race Committee boat displaying an orange flag and a nearby orange ball.
- 8.8 WHEN RACE COMMITTEE IS FLYING THE L-FLAG: Class Flag and starting order will depend on which class has check in all of its competitors for the day. First class to complete check in will get the first warning signal and so on.**
- 8.9 A boat shall not start later than 5 minutes after her starting signal.
- 9.0 When no Race Committee is present, starting line will be described at Skippers Meeting.0

## 8. Recalls

- 9.1 Individual recalls will be signaled in accordance with racing rule 29.2 The Race Committee may also attempt to hail the sail number of a yacht.
- 9.2 When a general recall has been signaled, a new warning signal will be made one minute after the lowering of code flag "First Substitute" with one sound signal.

## 9. Change of Course After the Start

- 9.1 A change of course after the start shall be signaled near the leeward mark by a race committee boat that will display code flag "C" and make a sound signal periodically. The change shall be signaled before the leading yacht has begun the leg. If the relocated weather mark is not yet in position, the race committee boat shall display the approximate compass bearing to the new location for the weather mark.

## 10. The Finish {MUST STAY CLEAR AFTER FINISHING}

- 10.1 The finishing line shall be between an Orange flag on a Race Committee vessel and the nearby mark - orange ball.
- 10.2 If one or more boats are unreasonably delaying the completion of a race, the Race Committee, at its discretion may terminate the race and score(s) the boat(s). The Race Committee determines the method of finishing and the final position(s) awarded each boat(s). This may be equal to their position at that time. This modifies rule 35.
- 10.3 When there is no Race Committee, the finish will be described at Skippers Meeting;
- 10.4 When there is no Race Committee, each Competitor will keep there finish time.
- 10.5 When a Competitor is required to keep there finish time, the time must be presented to the scorer 15 minutes after docking.

## 11. Time Limit

- 11.1 The time limit shall be two hours from the start of the race for the first boat to finish. If no yacht has rounded the first mark within 45 minutes, the race shall be abandoned. This modifies rule 35.

## 12. Protests

- 12.1 Protests must conform to Rule 61. Protests shall be written on forms available at the official notice board and must be filed with the Race Committee within 30 minutes of the Race Committee returning to shore. After submitting the protest, the protesting skipper shall await instructions as to the time and place of the hearing. It is the protestor's un-shared responsibility to learn the time and

place of the hearing and to ensure that any witnesses that are to be called on the protestors behalf are present at the hearing.

12.2 Sail fair, settle it on the water, and have fun.

### **13. Scoring**

13.1 Appendix A. Low Point Scoring System will be used with the following additions.

Each boat's total score will be the sum of all of her scores for all races.

Handicap System will be PHRF for Race and Cruise Classes.

Handicap System will be Portsmouth for Board Boat and Multi-Hull.

One throw out of a race per Series, all races must be completed in the series for a throw out.

13.2 Once a series has been established one boat constitutes a race.

### **14. Alternative Penalties**

14.1 The time of the Penalty Turn or Turns taken must be recorded on the PAYC Penalty Sheet at club house.

### **15. SPORTSMANSHIP AND THE RULES**

Competitors in the sport of sailing are governed by a body of rules that they are expected to follow and enforce. A fundamental principle of sportsmanship is that when competitors break a rule they will promptly take a penalty, which may be to retire.